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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/508,908 for "Bituminous  
Composition"  
Applicant(s): Erik A. T. Trommelen, et al.  
Filing Date: September 23, 2004  
Attorney Docket No.: TS0777/US

Dear Sir:

Please find the following enclosed documents:

1. Response to Final Office Action Mailed December 14, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit KRATON Polymers U.S. LLC Deposit Account No. 50-1951 for the fees necessitated with the filing of this correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

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Erik A. T. Trommelen, et al.	§	
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Application Serial No.: 10/508,908	§	
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 14, 2005**

Dear Sirs:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 14, 2006, Applicants respectfully request entry of this reply and reconsideration of the claims pending in this application for the reasons set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.